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# TAKE A BREAK ... ... YOU'VE EARNED IT!

BY LIZ APPEL RINCK, Γ/BUTLER, EDITOR

THIS EDITION OF THE THETA MAGAZINE SHOULD ARRIVE IN YOUR MAILBOX AS THE YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE AND THE LAST FEW HOLIDAY CARDS STRAGGLE IN. PERHAPS, DEAR READER, OUR TIMING IS PERFECT, AND YOU WILL HAVE A FEW QUIET MOMENTS TO SIT DOWN AND RELAX WITH THE WINTER 2010-11 ISSUE.

Your editor is probably just a bit biased, but there are a number of features in this issue to tempt you to put your feet up and take a brief break during this busy season. As always, we're pleased to introduce you to several accomplished and interesting Thetas, as well as to bring you exciting news of programs, initiatives, and innovations.

On page 12, meet Marcia Quale Chellis, Tau/Northwestern. A reunion weekend among friends to celebrate milestone birthdays led her to write *The Girls of Winnetka*, a story of the lives of women who came of age in the 1950s. Theta connections abound in the book: one of the "girls" is a pledge sister of Chellis's, and the book's foreword was written by another Theta initiated by the Tau Chapter a few years later. This Theta went on to become fairly well-known herself, as actor and entertainer Ann-Margret.

On page 24, Kate Snow, Iota/Cornell, is a Woman of True Promise. A television newscaster with an impressive network résumé, Snow is also an advocate for and member of the national board of directors of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America.

"In Her Own Words," on page 25, features Amy Hayner Kates, Alpha Phi/Tulane, who was elected to serve as the Fraternity's president at Grand Convention last June. Possessing her own impressive résumé of Theta offices, she opens up about her childhood ambition, the book she'd read if stranded on a desert island, and more.

At the annual meeting of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) in October, the 26 member-groups celebrated the accomplishments of the past year and looked forward to future achievements, focused on collaborating with the media and with campuses, and commemorated what makes NPC unique. In addition, attendees marked the retirement of Lissa Bradford, Alpha Eta/Vanderbilt, who served on Theta's NPC delegation for more than 25 years. Read more about Bradford's 40-plus years of devotion to Kappa Alpha Theta on page 26.

The "birth" of a new college chapter is always a happy time in the life of the Fraternity, and this autumn we welcomed two! Lambda Chapter returned to the University of Vermont campus, and Eta Sigma opened on the campus of the University of Tampa. Read all about the festivities on pages 20 and 21.

This autumn also marked the celebration of Theta's second Day of Service. Conceived in 2009 as a means of commemorating Bettie Locke Hamilton's birthday while also serving our various communities, Day of Service encourages alumnae and college chapters and individual Thetas to spread the widest influence for good. On October 29, 2010, Thetas worked at food banks, performed environmental clean-ups, and volunteered for CASA. Please turn to pages 16 and 17 to read about these efforts, as well as about Theta's first-ever service trip in collaboration with Ambassadors for Children.

On a more somber note, few of us are aware of the widespread incidence of mental health disorders on college campuses. In fact, nearly 45 percent of college students have felt so depressed they found it difficult to function, and fewer than 35 percent of adults with a diagnosable mental disorder receive treatment in any given year. Given these staggering statistics, Fraternity leaders were determined to enhance Kappa Alpha Theta's approach to mental health issues and embark on an awareness and support campaign. Sisters Supporting Sisters creates a safe environment for members to discuss mental health issues, provides guidance for recognizing signs of and helping members with mental health challenges and disorders, and supports members facing mental health challenges and disorders. Learn more about this important program on page 27.

Finally, on page 22, we introduce a new regular feature, "Go Black ... Go Gold ... Go Green." In the interest of eco-friendly living, we encourage you to reduce, reuse, or recycle this magazine (When you've finished reading, of course!) Reduce it to gift wrap, reuse it for kindling in that holiday fire, or recycle it through your community waste program. Whatever option you choose, please also be sure to have a happy new year. ♦

**ON THE COVER:** Rachel Tilghman, ΗΣ/Chapman, and Chloe Richardson, ΔΥ/Eastern Kentucky, on the Theta service trip to Santa Fe, NM.

YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW, KAPPA ALPHA THETA EXISTS TO NURTURE EACH MEMBER THROUGHOUT HER COLLEGE AND ALUMNAE EXPERIENCE AND TO OFFER LIFELONG OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND MORAL GROWTH AS SHE MEETS THE HIGHER AND BROADER DEMANDS OF MATURE LIFE.

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Notice: Because Kappa Alpha Theta is not an officially recognized student group at Harvard or Santa Clara University, these schools prohibit using "Harvard" or "Santa Clara" in any published reference to our Zeta Xi or Eta Lambda Chapter.

We regret the following error:

In "Recruitment Results," (Summer 2010) the Eta Omicron Chapter at North Florida was incorrectly identified as the Epsilon Omicron Chapter.



## FOUNDERS DAY AND FRIENDSHIP FUND MESSAGE 2011

**H**ow can we define Kappa Alpha Theta? How can we quantify happy memories? How can we describe the power of someone being there when you need her? How can we tell the story of a lifetime of sisterhood?

There are, in fact, countless stories—poignant, moving, inspiring—each an illustration of one Theta's membership in our Fraternity. Thetas come from different backgrounds, different chapters, different mind-sets. We live all over the world; we are ages 18 to 100-plus. Yet we share common goals, ideals, and a ritual that has touched our spirit—a commitment to the highest scholarship, the widest influence for good, and the moral code of love.

Members of the Alpha Mu Chapter have a story: they have been number-one in scholarship on the Missouri campus for 31 consecutive semesters. Thetas who participated in our Day of Service have a story: they made sandwiches for the homeless, sang at retirement homes, sent care packages to overseas troops, and volunteered for CASA. Eight Thetas from the Gamma Chi Chapter at Fresno State have a story: their round robin letter sharing the events in their lives has been circulating for nearly 60 years.

This January 27, let us remember the story of our founders, whose lives shaped Theta's past and who instilled the standards and values that continue to shape the future of our Fraternity. Let us celebrate the stories that catch all our hearts, by reaching out to long-lost sisters, by wearing our badges proudly to work or school, by renewing our commitment to service, scholarship, and sisterhood. This Founders Day, let us all remember what a valuable force our Kappa Alpha Theta membership is in our own lives and the lives of others.

Loyally,

Amy Kates  
Alpha Mu Chapter  
Fraternity President

A contribution to the Friendship Fund equal in value to your favorite indulgence is encouraged.



### FRIENDSHIP FUND AND THETA FOUNDATION

Theta's Friendship Fund was established at the 1926 Grand Convention. Each gift fulfills a promise to serve and care for our sisters who are experiencing catastrophic illness, natural disaster, financial distress, or urgent family crisis. By contributing to the Fund, we can help a sister in need and thus demonstrate that Kappa Alpha Theta also means sisters helping sisters through the most difficult times.

In 1960, Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation was created as a means of putting Fraternity ideals into action by linking members with the resources to help them reach their fullest potential and make a difference in the world.

Created by Thetas for Thetas, Theta Foundation is dedicated to raising money for scholarships and for educational and leadership grants to assist Kappa Alpha Theta members in achieving their personal and professional dreams.

We encourage each Theta to consider making a contribution to the Friendship Fund and Theta Foundation equal in value to her favorite indulgence. All gifts to Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation are tax-deductible. If you wish, you may earmark your check with "Friendship Fund" noted on the memo line. Checks may be sent to Foundation headquarters, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268. ☺





## THE TIES THAT BIND

The links in the chain that bind us are still solidly in place after many scores of years, as your recent article about Jeannette Becker Lenyon, T/Northwestern ("Women of True Promise," Spring 2010), attests.

Let me tell you what prompts that observation. When I returned recently from Vietnam with my daughter, Myla Taylor Williams (Beta Rho), the mountain of accumulated mail held a tear sheet of that article sent to me by Patricia Way Goetz, Beta Rho/Duke, on which she had noted, "Is this your Aunt Jeannette?"

Indeed it is my Aunt Jeannette. My father's sister. A relative for whom I am ever grateful, from whom I sought advice, whom I much admired, whose wisdom and love I have ever cherished.

As I continued reading six weeks of accumulated mail, the article was again brought to my attention by my sister-in-law, Janet Camphausen Taylor, Beta Rho/Duke, and my sister, Rosaline Becker Angell, Tau/Northwestern. Plus, of course, *The Magazine* itself was in that morass of mail.

I think you can infer that several of us appreciated your focus on a woman of rare talent and sensibilities, and that we carry her memory close, and that enduring ties do truly bind.

**ELIZABETH BECKER TAYLOR**  
BP/DUKE

I wanted to send a note about something that I think is fabulous about Theta. In October 2009, my three-year-old daughter Kari was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Because of her age, our oncologist recommended a special type of radiation, and only about six sites across the US treat pediatric patients. We live in Minnesota, and the closest one to us is in Bloomington, Ind.

Knowing we would be spending almost seven weeks in Bloomington, I decided to reach out to the Beta Chapter at IU. We ended up going to the house a few times, and some of the girls came over to visit Kari a few times as well. It was a great diversion for her and she loved all the attention from the "big girls."

Kari is doing very well, and we are hopeful that her future looks bright. The support of our friends and everyone surrounding us, including Thetas I don't even know, was something that helped all of us get through this.

**SONJA RANDAR COMMANDER**  
Ψ/WISCONISM

## AN HISTORICAL NOTE

Your interesting article about the Theta magazine ("125 Years, 19 Editors," Spring 2010) brought back many memories. I had recently retired as a journalism teacher when the late Jane Brokaw Gallup was appointed to edit *The Magazine*; she asked me to be her volunteer proofreader. When she arrived with her initial set of proofs, she exclaimed emphatically, "Now, there can't be any mistakes! None!"

Several months later, her first issue arrived, and shortly thereafter I received a phone call.

"Nancy," she said abruptly, "How do you spell Denison, as in university?"

"Hmmm," I replied. "However we spelled it must have been wrong."

"Listen to this letter," she said. "When I attended Denison University, it had just one *n*. If it has changed, please advise."

Believe me, we never misspelled Denison University again.

**NANCY GUPTONAITKEN**  
ΒΩ/COLORADO COLLEGE

## THETA LIFE LOYAL

I am enclosing a check to enroll in the Kappa Alpha Theta Life Loyal program. I have enjoyed the Theta magazine for more than 60 years and don't want to miss a single issue! My letter, "Powerful Words," is in the Summer 2010 issue, and I'm happy to say that I've had notes from sisters whom I initiated!

**JEAN LOCKHART ULLMAN**  
BT/DENISON

## THE SUMMER ISSUE

I just finished reading the Summer 2010 issue of the Theta magazine. Wow! What a great issue. I have no doubt your readers really enjoyed it. Give my best to your entire team.

**STEVE LATOUR**  
DIRECTOR OF CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT, ΑΣΦ

As a Canadian Theta from a Canadian chapter I just wanted to write to express my appreciation for the Summer 2010 issue. Reading about a Theta from my chapter was a nice treat and one that doesn't happen very often.

With regards to the "Letter From the Editor" in that issue, I must confess that my first reaction was to protest that Canada is different. Not being American is a key part of our national identity, and we do use the metric system and have very different political institutions, after all! This said, upon further reflection I noted that many things are the same, including the importance of friendship and the values that bring us together as Thetas, and those are the things that matter. So thanks again for a lovely issue. It was much appreciated, as is the support our American sisters give those of us north of the border.

**KELSEY HORNING**  
BY/BRITISH COLUMBIA

What a strange two weeks. The summer issue of the Theta magazine arrived at Mom's while I was taking care of her for the weekend. She was thrilled beyond words about the article ("Jean Boyd Lacy, A Theta of Note") and called several of her sisters in Theta.

I left that Sunday afternoon. Mom fell and had a massive brain bleed; she was in ICU for six nights and died on Saturday ... one week after the magazine arrived.

I can't believe that she is gone, but I wanted to let you know and thank you again.

**BETSY NCINTYRE QUARLES**  
ΒΑ/WILLIAM & MARY '0

## WRITE TO US!

Do you have a comment about an article in this or any other issue of *The Magazine*? Do you have a Theta issue on your mind? Then let us hear from you! We are pleased to receive letters from our readers; we value your input.

Letters to *The Magazine* may be sent via mail (Liz Rinck, Kappa Alpha Theta, 8740 Founders Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268), fax (317-876-1925), or e-mail (lrinck@kappaalpha-theta.org).



You, too, may enroll in Life Loyal. Please see page 18.

*The values that bring us together as Thetas ... are the things that matter*

*Kelsey Horning  
BY/British Columbia*

# THE FUTURE OF THE THETA MAGAZINE

## OUR SUBSCRIPTION PLAN IS EVOLVING

Over the next four years, *The Magazine* is transitioning from a free printed publication to a printed publication that will be sent to all collegians, Kappa Alpha Theta Life Loyal members, and alumnae who pay dues to an alumnae chapter or directly to the Fraternity. The intent behind this change is to better provide for college programs and to coincide with alumnae interests.

## HOW WILL WE COMMUNICATE WITH OUR MEMBERS?

Not long ago, *The Magazine* was the only vehicle that the Fraternity used to reach our entire membership. Today, the Theta website, social media, and e-communications have widened our options as thousands of members stay linked in new ways. Printing and mailing our magazine is one of the largest expenses the Fraternity incurs each year. Alumnae constitute 93 percent of our readers, yet collegiate fees have been funding the publication of *The Magazine* for decades.

Grand Council studied many options when deciding how to continue to pay for the Theta magazine and decided that the best solution is to ask those alumnae members who enjoy receiving and reading the printed magazine to pay for it. This plan allows collegians' dues to fund college programs, not a magazine for alumnae. This plan is not intended to make money for the Fraternity, but rather to allow the Fraternity to use its financial resources more efficiently and to be a good steward of member dues.

## WHAT WILL CHANGE?

Over the next several years, the distribution system for the Theta magazine will gradually change. The online version, which comprises all the features of the printed version, will always be available to every Theta. Beginning with the Summer 2011 issue, you will need to be a member of one of the following groups to continue to receive all printed versions of the Theta magazine.

**College members** will receive *The Magazine* from initiation until they are no longer undergraduates.

**Kappa Alpha Theta Life Loyal members** receive an ongoing subscription to *The Magazine* as just one of many benefits.

**Alumnae chapter members** pay dues to their local alumnae chapter, a portion of which is remitted to the Fraternity and includes a sub-

scription to *The Magazine*. As long as dues are current, the subscription will continue.

Alumnae who are not members of an alumnae chapter may pay national dues directly to the Fraternity.

A time line for the transition appears below.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT KAPPA ALPHA THETA LIFE LOYAL

Please turn to page 18-19 or go to [www.thetalifeloyal.org](http://www.thetalifeloyal.org).

## WEREN'T WE PROMISED A LIFETIME SUBSCRIPTION?

Even when our magazine was first published in 1885, it was understood that a successful publication was not inexpensive and that some means of paying for printing and postage must be found. Our Fraternity laws do not mention funding or circulation for *The Magazine*, and many short-term attempts at financing—including additions to chapter dues, paid subscriptions, and a per capita "tax"—failed to resolve the issue.

Grand Council believes that we must adapt to and evolve in our changing surroundings and provide a strategic, long-term solution to this challenge. Although this evolution brings an end to the free mailed lifetime subscription of the Theta magazine for every member, it also marks a renewed commitment to providing valuable college programs and alumnae services, as well as a more substantial and meaningful magazine that accurately represents the rich and meaningful experiences we all share as Thetas. ☺

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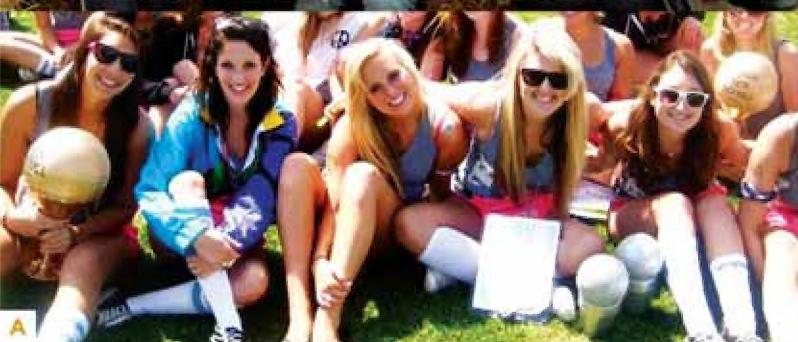


## SUBSCRIPTION-AT-A-GLANCE

ISSUES PER YEAR	summer 2010-spring 2011	summer 2011-spring 2012	summer 2012-spring 2013	summer 2013-spring 2014
• College members • KAΘ Life Loyal members • dues-paying alumnae chapter members • Fraternity-dues-paying alumnae	4	4	4	4
Those not in one of the above groups	4	3	2	Access to <i>The Magazine</i> via the Theta website. Fraternity contact by e-mail & direct mail.



A/T/CINCINNATI VOLUNTEERED AT A PUMPKIN PATCH EVENT TO BENEFIT PROKIDS, ITS LOCAL CASA CHAPTER.



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**A** Gamma Rho Chapter at UC Santa Barbara raised \$7,465 for CASA at its annual kickball philanthropy event.

**B** Kathleen Chelminiak, Alex McFall, Kristen Metherd, Demetria Bayt, Rachel Metherd, and Amy Dickman, all B/I/Indiana, participated in the Hilly Hundred, a two-day, 100-mile cycling event in southern Indiana.

**C** Alpha Nu Chapter at Montana, showing their Theta spirit on the campus football field, was named the university's chapter of the year at the 2010 Greek awards banquet. The chapter also received awards for best scholastic and academic programming, best new member pro-

gramming, best public relations programming, best alumni relations and chapter development, and outstanding chapter president.

**D** Tiffany Patterson Holland, ΓΨ/Texas Christian, attended the 2010 Fiesta Bowl. When she arrived at her seat in the stadium full of 80,000 fans, Cindy Witt Dalton, a fellow Gamma Psi Chapter alumna, was occupying the seat right next to her!

**E** At the 2010 Texas Tech Greek awards, Gamma Phi Chapter received awards for excellence in scholarship, leadership, and community service. The chapter also received Panhellenic chapter of the year and the Dean's Cup, which is awarded to

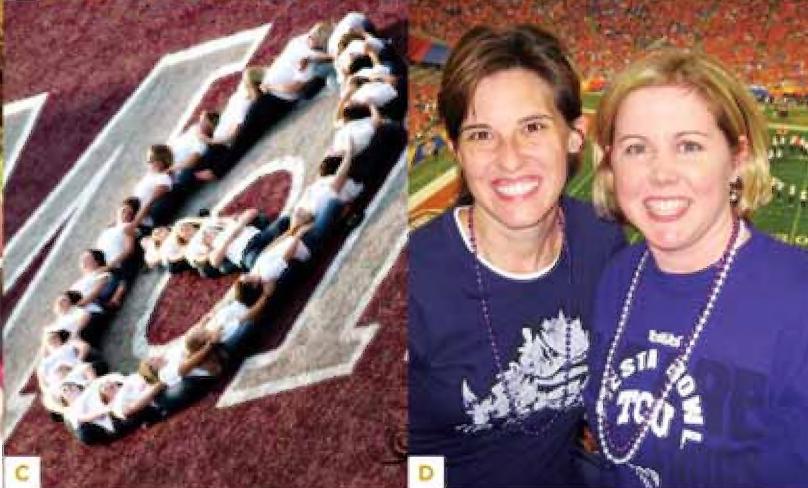
the most outstanding chapter among all 47 Greek-letter organizations on campus.

**F** Janice Mooney Maier, ΒΞ/UCLA; Sheila Johnson Cottle, Δ/Illinois; Cathy Callicot Fresch, ΔΕ/Arizona State; Marj Ferryman Gwinn, Ο/USC; Debbie Mitchell Bailey, ΓΣ/San Diego State; (back) Sue Ellsworth Seager, ΔΔ/Whitman; Vall Schofield Light, ΓΣ/San Diego State; Karen Renner Schwarz, Π/Albion; Laura Lynn Barber Porter, ΕΕ/Baylor; and Pam Carleton Haskins, ΓΞ/San Jose State met at the Palos Verdes Peninsula Alumnae Chapter's friendship salad meeting.

**G** Sarah Nalbone and Alie Presnal, both ΕΕ/Baylor, attended the book signing of



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## THETAS OF NOTE



**ANGELA BRINGHAM,** ΒΞ/SMU, joined 60 young adults from across the United States for World Race, an 11-month, 11-country Christian mission trip.



**ASHLEY BELLEAU,** ΑΦ/TULANE, was installed as the 83rd national president of the Federal Bar Association.



**CHRISTINE LEECH FELDMAN,** ΖΦ/CAL POLY, was featured in *SHAPE* magazine as one of its Remarkable Women for her extraordinary fight with breast cancer.



**JANET BOWES MARTINEZ,** ΒΙ/COLORADO, is the recipient of the 2010 Sister Peter Claver Award by Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center & Children's Hospital, for her work with the underprivileged in Spokane, Wash.



**MARY COPELAND FALLIN,** ΒΖ/OKLAHOMA STATE, was elected the first female governor of Oklahoma. Fallin was also the first female, and first Republican, to be elected lieutenant governor of Oklahoma, serving 12 years.



**Laura Welch Bush, BΣ/SMU**, in Waco, Texas.

**H** Allison Nelson, Ψ/Wisconsin, and Kingsley Grafft, ZN/UC Davis, attended the wrap party for Pixar's *Toy Story 3*. Nelson was a production assistant on the film.

**I** The West Valley Area (Ariz.) Alumnae Circle celebrated the 100th birthday of Georgia Stripp Rowe, AN/Montana.

**J** The Oklahoma City Alumnae Chapter held its 53rd annual flaming festival, with Amy Grant, AH/Vanderbilt, as this year's featured presenter. Pictured with Grant are Alpha Omicron Chapter members from Oklahoma Jessica Shadid, Haley Donald, Grant, M.K. Blakley, and Emma Trimble.

**K** At the Arlington Area Alumnae Chapter's game night dinner, Stephanie Grady

Milligan, ΓΤ/Tulsa; Mary Bess Corbin Dalton, EE/Baylor; and Sara Drischler, EΩ/Washington & Jefferson, collected books for the 2010 Grand Convention book drive.

**L** Susan Peterson King, P/Nebraska; Shirley Wood Hartley, ΓΟ/New Mexico; Melissa Kunz, HO/Central Florida; Judith London Marcus, BA/William & Mary; Amanda Smith Crawford, HO/Central Florida; and Layne Lowrey, ΔΩ/Alabama, all of the Nature Coast Alumnae Chapter, raised \$1,000 for the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.

#### Not pictured

The advisory board of Delta Chi Chapter at Virginia honored the chapter's senior

members, who were presented with pannies and cards and welcomed as alumnae.

**Eta Iota Chapter** at San Diego raised nearly \$20,000 through its annual Mr. University pageant.

At its May luncheon, the Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter honored many 50- and 75-year alumnae.

**Zeta Lambda Chapter** at College of Charleston earned the excellence in scholarship and excellence in chapter development awards at the college's annual awards ceremony. Shannon Hardy of Zeta Lambda received Order of Omega's courageous leader award.

After a distinguished career in anesthesiology, **TERESA GARLAND WARNER, Γθ/TEXAS TECH**, is now pursuing a successful career as an artist. You can learn more about Warner and view her pieces at [www.teregarland.com](http://www.teregarland.com).

Indiana University appointed **KATIE TETRICK, B/INDIANA**, to the search committee seeking a new vice-provost for enrollment management. Tetrick is one of only two students

selected for the committee.

**SARA KOLLAUF, BK/DRAKE**, was named Drake University's homecoming queen.

**BETH SANDERS MOORE, ΔΩ/TEXAS A&M**, is volunteer founder of CancerForward: The Foundation for Cancer Survivors, a not-for-profit web-based networking and educational resource for cancer survivors.



Ten members of **ΓΨ/TEXAS TECH** were selected to the university's Mortar Board, an honor only bestowed to the top 50 seniors on campus.



**THETAS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY MET AT KANAKUK, A SUMMER MINISTRY CAMP IN MISSOURI. AMONG THOSE WORKING AT THE CAMP WERE (FRONT) LAYNIE HENRY AND ANNABELLE IRVIN, BOTH AO/OKLAHOMA; WHITNEY BRUCE, K/KANSAS; ERIN SHORE AND CAITLYN KUTCH, BOTH AO/OKLAHOMA; LINDSEY HARRELL, ΔΔ/TEXAS A&M; (BACK) AMY HUDSON, BZ/OKLAHOMA STATE; HALEY HUDSON, AO/OKLAHOMA; SARAH-GRAHAM TURTLETAUB, BA/WILLIAM & MARY; BETH BAKER WIEBE AND EMILY TRAVIS, BOTH K/KANSAS; KARA WILLIAMS, BZ/OKLAHOMA STATE; KARALINE NUNNALLY, TP/TEXAS CHRISTIAN; AND AMY BRADLEY, ΔΔ/TEXAS A&M.**

**A** Cassie Beasley and Shari Weisman, both Eta Theta/Central Florida, travelled to Japan together.

**B** Abbie Necessary, Ashley O'Dell, Emily Partin, and Ally Gimple, alumnae of Alpha Eta Chapter, celebrated their recent graduation from Vanderbilt with a trip to Alaska.

**C** Omega Chapter at UC Berkeley celebrated the addition of several new biological Theta family members at this year's Bid Day. Laura Byrd, Elie Byrd, Katie Ziegenhirt, Lindsey Ziegenhirt, Szasha Ozard, Gwyndolyn Ozard, and Nochella Ozard all share this special Theta family bond.

**D** Erin Fech Kingsley, Γ/Butler, gave each of her wedding guests a hand-blown glass starfish ornament benefitting Voices for Children, the CASA program in San Diego.

**E** The Tucson Alumnae Chapter held its annual Christmas brunch and ornament exchange.

**F** Members of the 135th initiation class at A/DePauw met for a fall reunion in St. Joseph, Mich.

**G** Libby Baird Nicholson, Nikki Cook Gill, Christy Neir Wilson, Kristin Mercer Anthony, Sara Baker Elley, April Grimes Bierle, Megan Foote Boyer, and Gwen

Burgess Throckmorton, members of Gamma Psi Chapter's 1993 initiation class at Texas Christian, enjoyed the chapter's 5K Breakaway benefitting CASA. The women return to the event every year in memory of fellow Gamma Psi Chapter member Tracy Clark.

**H** Karen Hansen Cameron, Jean Myers Murray, Kathy Lawrence Anderson, (back) Terry Shull Tripp, Jean Gaecke Boyd, and Kathe Decker Thompson, all alumnae of Δ/Illinois, took a carriage ride during their reunion on Cat Island, Beaufort, SC.

**I** The 1982 initiation class of Beta Zeta Chapter at Oklahoma State got together

## THETA AUTHORS



**MELISSA LEUPOLD LOWRY, ΔΔ/ARIZONA,** has co-authored *Answer Keys: Teachers' Lesson Plans for Successful Parenting*. The book was designed to address parenting issues from early childhood through high school.



**Photographer ASHLEY MERLIN, EP/LEHIGH,** has released *Statuesque New Orleans*, a coffee-table book which spotlights 20 years of New Orleans sculptures plus 197 color photographs. To learn more, go to [www.ashleymerlin.com](http://www.ashleymerlin.com).



**PATTY KELLER JACOBS, ΔΔ/OREGON STATE,** has written *My Balancing Act: Memoir of Adapting to Multiple Sclerosis and Recapturing a Joyful Life*, a collection of essays on managing illness, self-adjustment, and a quest for self-reliance.



Curious about the immigration of Irish to America and the causes of the Great Irish Famine, Carolyn WESTHOFF ENIS, AO/OKLAHOMA, spent years researching records and eye-witness accounts. Her efforts lead

her to write her new novel, *When Ireland Fell Silent: A Story of a Family's Struggle Against Famine and Eviction*, which is available through Amazon.com.

**MARIA CINCINNATI DISMONDY, BTI/MICHIGAN STATE,** has released her latest children's book, *The Juice Box Bully*. The book addresses the issue of bullying—a major epidemic in schools today. To learn more, go to [www.mariadismondy.com](http://www.mariadismondy.com).



## THETA REUNIONS

**G** for a reunion. In attendance were (front) Dianne Dickson Smith, Mardi Oruch Ward, Andrea Mann Reutlinger, Carrie Johnson, Gina Brumley Stanley, (back) Melanie Markwell Edelmaier, Diane Martin Callison, Kandy Cole Parsons, Melissa Matthew Grace, Beth McFall O'Donnell, Shea Thompson, Leigh Ann Cousins Fuller, Amber Gregory McLean, Stacey Reed James, and Becky Reed Barker.

**J** Mary Ann Connors Zimmerman, Marjorie Connors-Boe, Cathy Connors Gullickson, (back) Julie Gullickson Connors, Kathleen Gutzman Nenaber, Susan Gutzman Seipp, Ellengray Gutzman

Kennedy, Carla Connors, all AP/South Dakota, and Gretchen Zimmerman Steffen, BO/Iowa, reunited for the first time in 43 years. The Gutzman and Connors sisters grew up across the street from one another.

### Not Pictured

Carolyn Chapman and Annie Heinzelmann celebrated with their grandmother Carolyn Jones Heinzelmann, all Alpha Omicron/Oklahoma, at the chapter's Bid Day celebration.

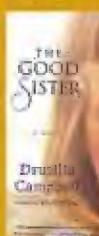
The mother-daughter team of Edie Rowe Allen and Leslie Allen, both of Gamma Iota Chapter at Kentucky, ran the Disney Marathon to celebrate Edie's 50th Birthday!

**H** The Palos Verdes Alumnae Chapter held its annual Founders Day celebration and honored 50-year Thetas Sharon Goll Bryan, AN/Missouri; Kathy Lawrence Anderson, AI/Illinois; and Sue Ellsworth Seager, AA/Whitman.

**I** The Topeka Alumnae Chapter celebrated its centennial at a Founders Day celebration in February 2009, with more than 150 members in attendance! The guest of honor was then-Fraternity Vice-President Alumnae Mary Ellen Kutsenda Fitzsimonds, BK/Drake.

**J** Alumnae of the 1971-73 new member classes of Beta Delta Chapter at Arizona held a reunion weekend at the Biltmore in Phoenix.

**DRUSILLA GREEN, CAMPBELLIE/SAN JOSE STATE,** has released her latest novel.



The Good Sister: an intimate portrait of one woman's struggle with postpartum depression.

**BARBARA BARNES GETTY, AX/PURDUE,** is author of *The Landlord's Checkbook: Investing in Low and Middle Income Rentals*, a conversational how-to guide that details her experiences, struggles, and successes as a landlord of low-to-middle income housing.

**VICKI TOTTER HESS, AO/FLORIDA,** has written *The Nurse Manager's Guide to Living, Filing, & Inspiring*. For more information, or to order the

book, visit [www.HarrietBringInspiration.com](http://www.HarrietBringInspiration.com).



After opening her own kitchen in the gourmet food industry and launching her catering company, **STEPHANIE SCHALL PATSALIS, PI/NEBRASKA,** was inspired to write

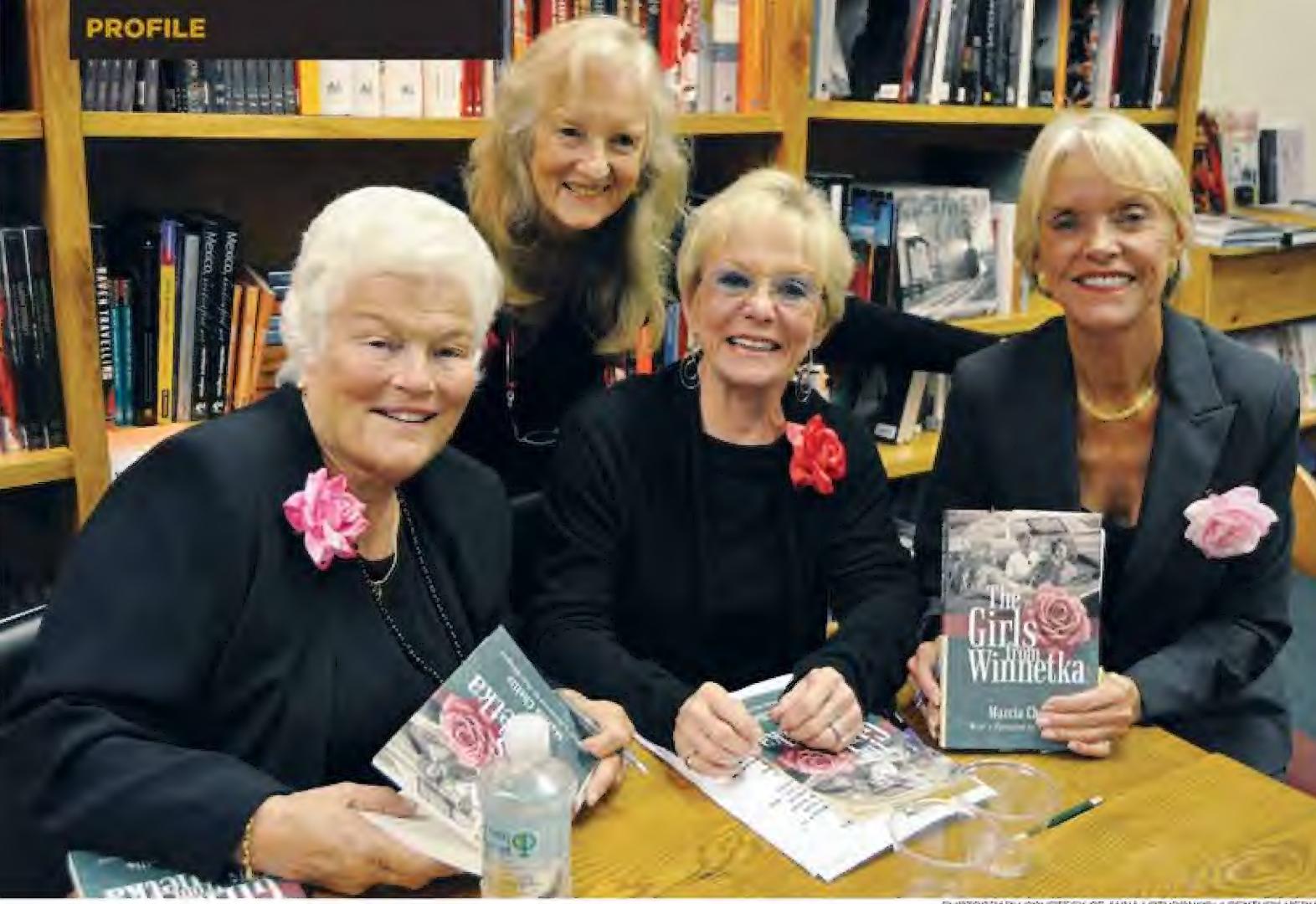
**Greek Chic Cuisine**. Learn more at [www.greekchiccuisine.com](http://www.greekchiccuisine.com).

**HELEN PERELMAN, AZ/EMORY,** has just written *Candy Parties*, a book series aimed at six- to nine-year-olds...and Super Sweet 13. To learn more about Perelman and her books, visit [www.helenperelman.com](http://www.helenperelman.com).

**CYNTHIA MORRISON PHOEL, I/CORNELL,** has written *Cold Snap*, a collection of short stories set

in Bulgaria. Visit [www.cynthiaphoel.com](http://www.cynthiaphoel.com) to learn more about the author and her latest release.

**LAUREN MILLER, III/COLORADO,** has released the first book in her *Release the Stress* e-book series. For more information, visit [www.laurenmiller.com](http://www.laurenmiller.com).



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# "DID WE MAKE HISTORY, OR DID HISTORY MAKE US?"

BY ERIN KRETZSCHMAR NASH, AM/MISSOURI

IN HER LATEST BOOK, MARCIA CHELLIS (WITH HELP FROM TWO OTHER THETAS) WRITES ABOUT WOMEN WHO CAME OF AGE IN THE 1950S

"The girls." (back) Laura (front) Barbie, Annie, Marcia at a book signing in Winnetka, Ill.

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## MEET "THE GIRLS"



Marcia Quale Chellis, Tau/Northwestern, hiking in Colorado with her daughter, Dana, Tau/Northwestern, and her granddaughters Cameron and Lauren.

**D**id we make history or did history make us?

In a summer house on Cape Cod the year they all turned 50, Marcia Quale Chellis, Tau/Northwestern, and her girlfriends—known simply and affectionately as the girls—pondered this question.

Chellis, who pledged Tau Chapter at Northwestern in 1958, met with several of her best friends from high school and college days for a celebration of their 50th birthdays. During the reunion weekend, they laughed, cried, reminisced, and revealed some of their secrets.

The 1950s, as Chellis recalls, was a decade when "... the futures of young women seemed ready-made. Growing up, we were expected to be perfect, patriotic, pleasing, and virginal. Our scripts were written. We were to marry the June we graduated from college and not supposed to prepare for a profession because we were to be wives and mothers dependent on a man for our identity and support."

Winnetka, a suburb of northern Chicago, offered the picture-perfect hometown setting for Chellis and her friends. Chellis's own mother didn't work; she stayed at home to raise her daughter and three younger brothers. And although her mother's life was a happy one, Chellis knew something was missing.

"My mother was raising four kids and doing a wonderful job, but I could sense her frustration. She wasn't doing enough to remain fulfilled, like when she taught Latin and English before she was married. That's when I decided, early on in high school, that I would always work."

"We realized that reunion weekend that we had not followed our scripts," Chellis continues. "The 1960s turned our scripts inside-out. But on we went, adjusting to change, decade after decade to the present."

That's when one of the girls asked, "Did we make history, or did history make us?" After a lot of thought and discussion, they decided to tell their stories, and Chellis agreed to write the book.

She began taking notes on the milestones and challenges the girls had faced together in school, following their graduations, and into their adult lives, which included marriages, the births of children, divorces, and various career twists and turns.

She interviewed the five women who would be the subject of the book by phone, in person, and by e-mail questionnaire. Following the girls through each decade became a framework for Chellis's thoughts and ideas.

### HER OWN JOURNEY

Specifically for Chellis, she called upon the challenges, fulfillment, and success she had achieved personally since college graduation.

"My fantasy was to become an editor of a women's magazine in New York," Chellis admits, "but I found myself teaching first grade in Boston, where I'd grown up as a child. When I got married, I quickly realized having babies and teaching in a classroom was not a good combo."

That led to Chellis's intro into public television; she hosted a children's program titled *Imagine That*, in which she interacted with children through creative dramatics via stories, fables, and poems.

"I took ideas that affected kids and had them perform their feelings on the particular subject matter," Chellis explained. "TV programming for children instantly became more interactive."

During the run of her TV show, Chellis also authored children's curriculums in Boston from an office in her home, which allowed her to be

Annie, Tau/Northwestern, a talented singer and dancer, gives up her Broadway career for marriage. Her husband leaves her for another woman, and Annie is cast in the unanticipated role of single mother. Struggling to support her daughter, she works at trade shows hawking everything from sedans to sewer pipes. When she lands a job hosting her own TV talk-show in San Francisco, she doesn't know how much her life will change.

Margo graduates with honors from Smith. She sets out on her quest to have a big city career. But marriage takes her to a small town in the Midwest. True to her nurturing nature, she continues to help women with problems, whom her husband calls "the Wobblies." When she and her husband begin a consulting business, her enduring ambition strains their marriage.

Barbie, a sailor, watches from shore as her father buys a boat to take amateur crews around the world and, unpredictably, sinks his family's resources. Her consolation is meeting and marrying her father's first mate. They work as a team to support and raise two talented children. But their teamwork is sorely tested, more than once.

Brooke is resentful after the birth of her daughter; when her husband insists she return to work. Their marriage flounders, and they divorce. Her roller-coaster second marriage abruptly ends. In her mid-sixties, she meets a man whose caring, loyalty, and devotion help her recover, and she marries for a third time.

Laura, born in Virginia and raised in Winnetka, wants to resolve whether she's a Southerner or a Northerner. She attends college in the south and marches with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in the north. With three sons, she works throughout her marriage. Now financially and emotionally independent, she questions the purpose and validity of her long marriage.



Above left: Some of "the girls" in New York City for a book meeting—Laura on the left, Annie third from left, and Marcia far right. Above right: "Annie" (Ann Fraser Lorentzen, T/Northwestern) interviewing Ann-Margret, T/Northwestern, on *People Are Talking* in the 1980s.

"in the mix" during the upbringing of her own children. She wrote content for the show from home; going into the office once a week for all tapings.

By the late 1970s, Chellis was divorced and raising her kids as a single mom. When she moved into an apartment building in Boston's Back Bay, she met Joan Kennedy, who also lived there. Their relationship became the subject of Chellis's first book.

"In the fall of 1979, Ted Kennedy was deciding to run for president. Due to various happenings in her life and marriage, Joan was extremely fragile emotionally and couldn't do any major campaigning for her husband. She needed help and asked me to become her assistant."

The neighborly relationship became a significant friendship. "I didn't view the job as political; it was one woman getting another from the beginning to the end of the campaign, whether that end landed us in the White House or back in Boston," Chellis explains. "As Joan's assistant, I set up my office at home for her, hired a press secretary, a secretary, and a speech writer. And I could still take care of my kids."

As the campaign progressed, Chellis witnessed how Mrs. Kennedy's emotional health improved and her self confidence increased . . . and she knew her support and friendship of a fellow woman was part of the positive improvements.

"For several months during the campaign, Joan stood by Ted; towards the end of the campaign trail, Joan was able to stand by her own and speak; she even entertained the national press corp on her own!"

In the years to follow, her relationship with Mrs. Kennedy also inspired thoughts toward a second book focusing on several women "next door."

"In sharing experiences with Joan, it made me wonder how some women 'do well' throughout tremendous challenges and adversity," Chellis said. "Some run marathons in their wheelchairs, so to speak, while others simply sit at home."

Chellis sought out stories from other women and those stories made their way into the pages of *Ordinary Women, Extraordinary Lives*, which is now back in print.

## MORE TWISTS AND TURNS

About five years ago, when she revisited the notes from the Cape Cod 50th birthday bash, Chellis thought the time was right to pen the book that would tell their stories. She began with new questionnaires to all the girls.

"As I started asking more questions of my friends, I was in awe of their incredible honesty in what they shared on their lives, decade-by-decade," Chellis says. "It's not always easy to talk about experiences in your life and things you did you might regret, but the girls found in talking about things, it was a source of healing. Their level of sharing was remarkable, and that is what helped make the book successful—other women can relate to what these women felt. Their candidness was so important."

Stories from *The Girls from Winnetka* vary from happy and celebratory (career milestones, long-standing marriages, children and grandchildren) to sad and mournful (the end of marriages and jobs, the loss of a child . . . and the passing of one of the girls).

"The reaction to this book has been over-the-top; more than I could have ever anticipated," Chellis admits. "My friends read it and said, 'That was my life, and you are telling my story for my daughter.' That was the greatest thanks to me as an author." *(continued on page 30)*

## ABOUT MARCIA CHELLIS

A *New York Times* and *London Times* bestselling author, Marcia Chellis has written two successful non-fiction books about women: *Living with the Kennedys: The Joan Kennedy Story* and *Ordinary Women, Extraordinary Lives*. Both books were Literary Guild Selections.

Her third nonfiction work, *The Girls from Winnetka*, showcases the stories of five women who come of age in the Fifties and tells how and why their lives change decade after decade to the present.

Chellis has been a guest on the *Today Show*, the *Phil Donahue Show*, *Evening Magazine*, *A.M. Los Angeles*, *Larry King*, *People Are Talking*, *Sally Jesse Raphael Inside Edition*, *Matt Lauer's Headliners and Legends*, and numerous other television and radio shows. She also has given many print interviews across the country.

Her educational background includes a master of education from Harvard and two bachelor of science degrees from Northwestern. She is a member of the Authors Guild and the National League of American Pen Women.

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Christiane Hoffman (Zeta Omega/Loyola Marymount), donor

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## receive



"This time at Meru District Hospital cemented my love for medicine and interest in studying to be an obstetrician. Before this experience, I didn't know how interesting and exciting childbirth and newborns were, but there are such a wide range of possibilities within this field. I cannot thank Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation enough for opening my world to a new professional aspiration as well as introducing me to so many wonderful people and places."

Sarah Wendel (Chi/Syracuse), grant recipient  
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Mary Ellen Kutsendia Fitzsimonds (Beta Kappa/Drake), scholarship reading and scoring committee member, Trustee, and former Fraternity Vice President Alumnae

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## THE WIDEST INFLUENCE FOR GOOD IN ACTION

BY ELISE CONNOR, Γ/BUTLER

What if Thetas could come together from across the country to strengthen their understanding of fraternity values, serve others, and create life-long friendships with women from other chapters? Twenty-three months ago, that was just an idea—a big dream that became reality July 25 to 31 in Santa Fe, NM, when 21 women from 20 chapters came together to better understand the widest influence for good, put this Theta value into practice, and form sisterly bonds that transcend chapter and distance.

To make this service trip a reality, the Fraternity collaborated with Ambassadors for Children, an Indianapolis-based non-profit organization that conducts short-term humanitarian service trips. With the support of Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, we spent the week improving the facility of Girls Inc. Santa Fe. Girls Inc. is a national non-profit organization that teaches girls ages 5 through 15 to be smart, strong, and bold. We tried to exemplify those values as we installed an irrigation system, built a coyote-fence gate, constructed benches from scratch, planted tomatoes, and did other improvement projects for the Girls Inc. facility.

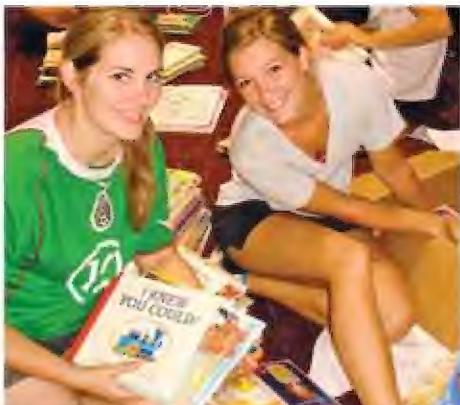
To complete these tough projects, service trip participants used jackhammers, power saws, and drills. All 21 women agreed that seeing these projects through from beginning to end was incredibly empowering. "To actually to be able to use all these tools and dig a trench is really amazing," said Alison Weisman, Zeta Lambda/Charleston. "I've never done anything like this before."

Our hard work was noticed. "My interactions with the Thetas were incredibly inspiring," said Melissa Willis, project manager of Girls Inc. Santa Fe. "We work to inspire all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. So seeing these young, passionate, driven college women working together was a very fulfilling experience, and it gives me more hope than ever for our younger generations."

In addition to manual labor, we had the opportunity to work with the women of Girls Inc., facilitating educational programming on literacy, body

Above: Theta service trip photos  
Kelly Morgan, O/USC, mortars a  
horno, an adobe bread oven.  
Stefanie Joseph, HJ/North Florida,  
and Callie Healy, AII/Vanderbilt,  
make kites with girls from Girls Inc.  
Santa Fe. Below: For Day of Service,  
members of BX/Alberta made more  
than 100 Halloween cards for the  
patients at Stollery Children's  
Hospital and garnered the most  
votes in the Day of Service photo  
contest.





Service trip photos: Rachel Tilghman, ΗΣ/Chapman, helps build a coyote fence for the Girls Inc. front yard; Kelin Flanagan, BX/Alberta, and Lindsey Witt, BA/Arizona, sort books to be donated to Girls Inc., CASA First Judicial District, and a Santa Fe elementary school; Callie Healy, AH/Vanderbilt, assembles the coyote fence gate.

## SERVICE TRIP BY THE NUMBERS: 21 WOMEN, 20 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED, 1,681 BOOKS DONATED, 6 BENCHES BUILT, 100 GIRLS SERVED, AND 800 BOOKS DONATED BY ΓΩ/AUBURN



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the girls as our Theta group had.

Yet we will never truly know the impact of our interactions with these girls. As they reach their teenage years and tackle tough challenges like body image, perhaps they will think of that smiling college girl in the brightly colored T-shirt who told them they were wonderful no matter how they looked.

In addition to building projects and mentoring, the women on the service trip delivered 1,681 books to Girls Inc., CASA First Judicial District, and a local elementary school in Santa Fe, thanks to generous donations from alumnae and college chapters, as well as individuals.

The Thetas on the trip also participated in an interactive leadership development program. Through this programming, we examined the ins and outs of the phrase "widest influence for good." What does it mean? Why is it important? And how can we spread it? We identified our unique abilities—the personality characteristics that make us who we are. We detailed an action plan to put our own widest influence for good in action in our chapters, on our campuses, and in our communities.

Inspired by new bonds formed and service projects accomplished, we left Santa Fe with big plans to spread our widest influence for good. One member plans to fulfill her lifelong dream of educating children in sub-Saharan Africa. Another plans to switch her major back to her original choice of non-profit management and event planning. We all left Santa Fe committed to reinvigorating our sisters back home to live out our fraternity's social aim.

"This has been the most meaningful experience as a member for me. I've learned so much about myself, my fraternity, and what it really means to exercise the widest influence for good," said Callie Healy, Alpha Eta/Vanderbilt.

Trip leader Lindsay Sell, Beta Gamma/Colorado State, agreed. "Kappa Alpha Theta's first service trip proved to be the most profound Theta experience I have had to date," she said. "I know Theta made a difference in the Santa Fe community, and I have no doubt that service trip participants continue to make a difference in their chapters and communities after returning from this trip."

The seven days in Santa Fe reminded me, the trip's other leader, that we have incredible power as Thetas to make a difference. Because of Theta, there are new books for girls who need them in Santa Fe; because of Theta, 100 at-risk girls saw strong, smart role models in action. It was incredibly gratifying.

And like our founders before us, these 21 women were the first. They were the first women to ever attend a Kappa Alpha Theta service trip—a trip that was the first of its kind for a Greek-letter organization. ♀

### LINKED HEART TO HEART

On October 19, Kappa Alpha Theta celebrated its second Day of Service. Held on founder Bettie Locke Hamilton's birthday, alumnae and collegiate chapters, as well as individuals, took to their communities to spread the widest influence for good.

College chapters did everything from decorating trick-or-treat pillow cases for kids at a local children's hospital to volunteering at a food bank. The Thetas at USC, Pepperdine, and Loyola Marymount teamed up to restore lifeguard towers on the beaches of Southern California.

Alumnae chapters collected supplies for community centers and schools, delivered meals to Ronald McDonald House, and collected gift cards for CASA children.

Despite busy schedules, many individual Thetas also took time out of their day to spread the widest influence for good!

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## WHAT IS KAPPA ALPHA THETA LIFE LOYAL?

The Life Loyal program is an optional program for members who wish to further support Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity financially. Revenue made from memberships in the program will support an endowment of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* and future educational and personal development programs for our college and alumnae members.

When you become a Life Loyal member, you will receive:

- A beautifully crafted lapel pin
- A personalized membership card confirming your Life Loyal status
- A lifetime subscription to and recognition in our quarterly magazine, *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*

As an added benefit, charter members will receive an exclusive limited edition Life Loyal Kappa Alpha Theta silver bracelet.

The one-time cost of membership in Kappa Alpha Theta Life Loyal is \$299 or, for added convenience, 12 monthly payments of \$28. Our 50-year-plus members can join for a one-time cost of \$189. Payments can be received in a variety of methods to satisfy almost all budgets.

To learn more about Kappa Alpha Theta Life Loyal, please visit our website, [www.thetalefloyal.org/magazine](http://www.thetalefloyal.org/magazine) or call 800-526-1870. You may also contact Ruth Charles-Myers, affinity program manager, [rcharles-myers@kappaalpha-theta.org](mailto:rcharles-myers@kappaalpha-theta.org).

\*The first 1000 Thetas to enroll in the Life Loyal program are charter members. These charter members chose Life Loyal membership between August 11 and October 31, 2010.

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or call 800-526-1870 to become a Life Loyal member.

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**ALWAYS LIFE LOYAL**

by Amanda B. Adamek,  
EΩ/Washington & Jefferson

I am Life Loyal simply because I love Kappa Alpha Theta.

No matter where I am, Theta has been there for me. The love and support of my sisters has gotten me through some of the toughest times in my life. One of the most poignant lessons of what sisterhood truly is I learned even before I went through them.



Amanda Adamek,

EΩ/Washington & Jefferson is a Life Loyal Theta.

College, I had a January Intercession, a time that many students use to study abroad. I had had a tough first semester and was not looking forward to returning to school in January. The Sunday night before classes began, my parents took me back to school, helped me unpack, and said goodbye. My roommate was not around and I had never felt so alone.

I had just decided to call my parents to come back and get me, when the phone rang. The girl who would become my big sister was abroad that January, but knowing that I might need some support, she asked her boyfriend and her fellow Thetas to watch out for me. It was her boyfriend's voice on the phone, checking in with me and asking me to hang out. From half-way around the world, I felt the love and support of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Theta has enriched my life in ways I never dreamed possible. I've met my closest and dearest friends. Through my volunteer work as an advisory board chairman and now as a finance district director, I've gained experience that I otherwise would not have gotten. When I moved from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia, I immediately had a support system through Theta.

I am so fortunate to have Theta in my life, which is why I am now, and will always be, Life Loyal.



# TWO WEEKS, TWO CITIES, TWO CHAPTERS

BY JENNI BROUGHTON, Γ/BUTLER

Over two weekends in November, the Fraternity added two chapters to its active college chapter roster. The weekend of November 5, Fraternity officers headed to Tampa, Fla., to install the Eta Tau chapter at the University of Tampa. Seventy-seven charter members were initiated with the help of collegians from the Eta Theta Chapter at Central Florida and local Tampa alumnae.

A charter member summed up the experience by saying, "Installation is about being the first and creating history. It's a very moving experience realizing that you are starting something so wonderful and that you will be known as the

founders of the Eta Tau Chapter many years from now."

The weekend of November 12 took Fraternity officers to Burlington, Vt., to re-establish the Lambda Chapter at the University of Vermont. Originally chartered in 1881, Lambda left campus in 2005. Fifty-seven women were initiated, returning Kappa Alpha Theta to UVM's campus. The installation team was assisted by collegians

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## ETA TAU INSTALLATION TEAM

Amy Kates, ΔΦ/Tulane,  
Fraternity president

Kathy Tonkel, Η/Michigan,  
Theta Foundation president

Debbie Allen, ΔΘ/Florida,  
former Grand Council member

Jackie Orcutt, ΔΕ/Arizona State,  
college district president

Liz Weiss, ΕΨ/Richmond,  
Fraternity music coordinator

Betsy Corridan, ΒΘ/Iowa,  
executive director

Jenni Broughton, Γ/BUTLER,  
assistant director of chapter services

Hilary Holmes, Π³/Ohio Wesleyan  
ELC

Lauren Lewis, Δ/Illinois  
ELC

Justine Fowler, ΙΕ/Quinnipiac  
ELC

Katie Wilkerson, ΠΙ/Kentucky,  
ELC

Kristen Whitaker, ΔΕ/Arizona St.,  
ELC

Kristen McMahon, Α/Delaware,  
ELC

Katharine Murphy,  
ΠΖ/Connecticut, ELC



Above: Lambda's charter and charter class; opposite: Eta Tau's charter, charter class, and scenes from the installation weekend.

from the Zeta Xi Chapter in Cambridge, Mass.

Every installation is special for the Fraternity, but it is always wonderful to be able to return to a campus where the chapter has a rich history. Former Fraternity President Lissa Bradford said, "Seeing this fine old chapter being restored to active status within the Fraternity was an emotional experience. And, no one was more thrilled than Carol McPadden, Lambda member and former Fraternity vice-president college. I felt privileged to be on the installation team and witness this very special event."

At the installation banquet, McPadden cited Lambda's rich history. Lydia Mason Hodge and Alice Hamilton Woodruff, two early members of the chapter, for whom Hamilton and Mason Halls on Redstone Campus are named, were the first women in the US elected to the Phi Beta Kappa honor society. Also on Redstone Campus are three other dormitories named for Thetas: Christie, Wright, and Simpson, the latter named for Mary Jane Simpson, the university's dean of women from 1937-1957.

Fraternity President Amy Kates, Alpha Phi/Tulane, presided over both initiation services, initiating a total of 134 new members in two weeks. "It was an absolute thrill for me to be involved in these installations," said Kates. "I am so proud to have Theta chapters at the University of Tampa and to be back again at Vermont!"



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of VERMONT

## LAMBDA INSTALLATION TEAM

Amy Kates, APhi/Tulane—  
Fraternity president

Lissa Bradford, APhi/Vanderbilt—  
former Fraternity president

Carol McPadden, APhi/Vermont—  
former Grand Council member

Laura Locke, APhi/Texas Tech—  
college district president

Angie Molina, APhi/Texas Tech—  
installation weekend music  
coordinator

Jenni Broughton, APhi/Butler—  
assistant director of chapter  
services

Tory Freese, AM/Missouri—  
chapter services program  
coordinator

Mallory Butts, AT/Ohio State—  
ELC

Alyssa Walker, MT/North  
Dakota—ELC

Stacey Jarrett, AM/Missouri—  
ELC

Kristen McMahon, A/DePauw—  
ELC

Katharine Murphy,  
CT/Connecticut—ELC

Thank you to the Fraternity officers, educational leadership consultants, and staff members who served on the installation teams. ♦

*"Initiation was so exciting! My favorite part was meeting Lambda alumnae. Seeing the impact they had on Lambda history inspires me to make our chapter the best that it can be."*

—Alison Gagman, APhi/Vermont

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# TO NURTURE EACH MEMBER ...

## ... THROUGHOUT HER COLLEGE AND ALUMNAE EXPERIENCE

Kappa Alpha Theta has embarked on a mental health initiative, Sisters Supporting Sisters. The goal of the program is to encourage dialogue concerning and support for all aspects of mental health by creating a safe environment for members to discuss mental health issues, providing guidance for recognizing signs of and helping members with mental health challenges and disorders, and supporting members facing mental health challenges and disorders.

Fraternity leaders determined to enhance Kappa Alpha Theta's approach to mental health issues and embark on an awareness and support campaign due to the staggering statistics related to collegians.

According to a 2004 American College Health Association study, nearly 45 percent of college students have felt so depressed they found it difficult to function, yet only 20 percent were likely to turn to a school counselor for help.

"As a collegian, you are forced to make the transition

from adolescent to adult very quickly," said Fraternity President Amy Hayner Kates, Alpha Phi/Tulane. "Sometimes relationships or events, such as homesickness, financial concerns, or family issues, make that development a bit more challenging for today's college student."

Through the generous support of Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, Sisters Supporting Sisters has joined with All One Health, a telephonic professional counseling service, to provide confidential and tailored counseling services any time of the day or night at no charge to our college chapter members. The counselors at the All One Health call line—Talk One-2-One—can work with callers to address a variety of mental health issues, including, but not limited to, stress, anxiety, cutting, depression, substance abuse, eating disorders, and personal relationships. Additionally, the counselors at Talk One-2-One can provide support to college chapter

advisors who are assisting college chapter leaders with addressing mental health issues.

The Fraternity's Sisters Supporting Sisters program provides online resource materials for college chapter members and advisors to openly discuss, recognize, and provide guidance for members facing mental health challenges and disorders. Through partnerships Kappa Alpha Theta has developed with mental health professionals and organizations, the program is the first Greek initiative dedicated to promoting all aspects of mental health and wellness.

"Kappa Alpha Theta volunteers were being faced with more and more challenging problems that none of them had the ability to deal with," said Betsy Hoza Harootyan, Gamma Upsilon/Miami, college district president coordinator. "Our volunteers are not trained professionals who routinely deal with issues like eating disorders, boyfriend problems, and anxiety and stress. And it wasn't enough for them to just recommend that our members seek counseling on their own. We felt we needed to offer a better support system where our collegians could talk with a professional."

Although only recently introduced, Sisters Supporting Sisters has already received positive recognition within the Greek community. An article by Ruth Goodman, editor of *The Quill of Alpha Xi Delta*, about



## SISTERS SUPPORTING SISTERS™

Mental Health Initiative by Kappa Alpha Theta

mental health concerns among college students prominently mentioned the program and was published in *Connections*, a magazine of the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values.

As a new program, Sisters Supporting Sisters continues to evolve. The future will bring enhanced and expanded online resource materials for college chapters and advisors; educational curriculum on a wide spectrum of mental health issues, for use by members and non-members alike; and a potential collaboration with a leading national mental health organization to develop a mental health awareness program to be used by all Kappa Alpha Theta college chapters. ☺

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## STATISTICS

About one in four adults suffers from a diagnosable mental illness in a given year.  
—National Institute on Mental Health

Nearly 45 percent of college students have felt so depressed they found it difficult to function, yet only 20 percent were likely to turn to a school counselor for help.  
—Results of a 2004 American College Health Association study

Less than one-third of adults with a diagnosable mental disorder receive treatment in any given year.  
—US Department of Health and Human Services

Treatment for mental health disorders is working. Between 70-90 percent of those who seek help see a vast improvement in their symptoms.  
—National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

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## FRATERNITY POLICY ON ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Kappa Alpha Theta expects each member to achieve high scholarship and to develop to the fullest her intellectual, cultural, and social potential. Each chapter is required to set a definite scholarship average that members must maintain in order to retain the social privileges of active membership. In addition, each chapter is expected to maintain an average above the All-Sorority Average (ASA) on its campus, and chapter bylaws shall establish specific grade requirements for officers.

# CONGRATULATIONS!

THESE THETA CHAPTERS WERE RANKED #1 IN SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE SPRING 2010 SEMESTER.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING COLLEGE CHAPTERS; THEY HAD THE HIGHEST ALL-SORORITY GRADE-POINT AVERAGE ON THEIR RESPECTIVE CAMPUSES. THE MEMBERS OF THESE CHAPTERS DEMONSTRATE THE REASON OUR FOUNDERS CAME TOGETHER SO LONG AGO TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER IN THEIR ACADEMIC PURSUITS. THEIR COMMITMENT TO ACADEMIC SUCCESS IS A TRUE EXAMPLE OF LIVING THE FRATERNITY'S HIGHEST AIM ... SCHOLARSHIP.

B/Indiana	AY/Washburn	EΩ/Washington & Jefferson
Γ/Butler	BI/Colorado	ZΛ/Charleston
H/Michigan	ΒΠ/Michigan State	ZΩ/Loyola Marymount
Γ <sup>A</sup> /Ohio Wesleyan	BK/Drake	ZP/UC San Diego
M/Allegheny	BX/Alberta	ZΣ/Ohio Northern
T/Northwestern	ΓΕ/Western Ontario	HH/College of Idaho
ΑΛ/Washington	ΓΣ/San Diego State	HI/San Diego
ΑΜ/Missouri	ΓΧ/Fresno State	HM/Occidental
ΑΟ/Oklahoma	ΔΔ/Whitman	ΗΞ/Quinnipiac
ΑΡ/South Dakota	ΔΕ/Arizona State	ΗΠ/Case Western Reserve
ΑΣ/Washington State	ΕΗ/Centre	ΗΡ/James Madison
ΑΤ/Cincinnati	ΕΙ/Westminster	◊

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KAPPA ALPHA THETA'S TRUE PROMISE IS A VOW, A TWO-WAY PLEDGE BETWEEN THE FRATERNITY AND EACH OF HER MEMBERS. IT'S UP TO EACH THETA TO DISCOVER AND FULFILL THE PROMISE WITHIN HERSELF. SO, TOO, IS IT UP TO EACH THETA TO DETERMINE WHAT THE FRATERNITY WILL MEAN TO HER AND HOW HER MEMBERSHIP WILL CONTRIBUTE TO HER LIFE.

HOW WILL YOU LIVE OUT YOUR

# TRUE PROMISE?

KATE SNOW, IOTA/CORNELL,  
IS A KAPPA ALPHA THETA WOMAN OF TRUE PROMISE

Kate Snow, Iota/Cornell, is a woman who does it all. As a correspondent for NBC's *Dateline*, advocate for Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBSA), wife, and mother, her daily schedule can appear overwhelming. But it's a lifestyle to which this Emmy-winning journalist has grown accustomed.

In 1995, after finishing her graduate work at Georgetown, Snow took a gamble and moved to Albuquerque, NM, for her first on-air reporting assignment with local ABC affiliate KOAT-TV. It's a decision that would impact the young journalist in more ways than she could imagine.

Snow, a native East Coaster, knew very few people in the area. Since she had always been a volunteer in some capacity, she decided to serve as a Big Sister to give back to her new community. It was also during this time that she was introduced to now-husband, Chris Bro, with whom she has two children.

Opportunities with CNN and ABC, including a position as co-anchor of the weekend edition of *Good Morning America*, eventually took Snow back East. She's traveled the world to cover international events—the death of Pope John Paul II, the September 11 attacks, Hurricane Katrina, and Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign, to name a few—but her priorities have remained resolute. She stays in contact with her Little Sister from Albuquerque (sending her postcards from her travels), is now a national board member for BBBSA, maintains a laudable relationship with her husband, and attends nearly all of her children's school plays.

As members of Kappa Alpha Theta, we make a two-way promise: to fulfill our fullest potential not only to the Fraternity but also to ourselves. It's a promise to be the best YOU that you possibly can be. Kate Snow is realizing her greatest potential for cultured womanhood. How will you live out your True Promise? ♦

*"I hope that  
people are  
listening to what  
I'm saying and  
placing value in  
my storytelling."*

# AMY HAYNER KATES A THETA OF NOTE



AMY HAYNER KATES, AΦ/TULANE, WAS ELECTED FRATERNITY PRESIDENT LAST JUNE. HER THETA CAREER INCLUDES SERVICE AS VICE-PRESIDENT COLLEGE, VICE-PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP, AND THIRD ALTERNATE NPC DELEGATE. SHE IS ALSO A FORMER COLLEGE DISTRICT PRESIDENT, EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONSULTANT, ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRMAN, AND FACILITY CORPORATION BOARD OFFICER. OUTSIDE OF THETA, KATES AND HER HUSBAND ARE OWNERS OF ROPE ACCESS TECHNOLOGY USA.

## WHAT IS THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF WHICH YOU'RE PROUDEST?

Getting my master's degree.

## WHAT IS YOUR MOTTO?

Do the right thing.

## YOU ARE AN EXPERIENCED VOLUNTEER, FOR BOTH KAPPA ALPHA THETA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. WHAT IS THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING?

The value is in the personal reward of making a difference—even if it's in a small way. I also met my husband while I was volunteering, so that was pretty valuable!

## WHAT'S YOUR LEAST FAVORITE WORD?

Words are just words. I don't assign feeling to them. That said, I wish there was more respect for language in the US. It seems like we've lost respect for communication and especially respect for civility in communication.

## WHAT TALENT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HAVE?

I really wish I had been able to be a drum major. I think it would be so cool to lead a marching band!

## WHAT WAS YOUR CHILDHOOD AMBITION?

To be a US Senator. When I was about 10, I

wrote to our Senator and asked him if his job was "fun." He very kindly wrote back saying that he enjoyed it very much. Since it was fun, I thought it was in my future.

## WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE WORD?

I really like words that sound like what they mean. Some that come to mind are *hulla-halloo*, *serendipity*, and *befuddle*.

## IF YOU WERE STRANDED ON A DESERT ISLAND, WHAT BOOK AND/OR MOVIE WOULD YOU WANT TO HAVE WITH YOU?

I could probably read *To Kill a Mockingbird* a million times and never get tired of it. On the flip side, I am always entertained when I watch *Grease* with John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John.

## WHAT DO YOU VALUE IN YOUR FRIENDS?

Their support. It's always there.

## WHAT IS YOUR MOST TREASURED POSSESSION?

I am very happy that my memory boxes were up high enough in a closet that they made it through the floods after Katrina.

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THETA MEMORY?

When I got the call from Betsy Sierck Corridan that I had been selected as an ELC. ♀



## FUN FACT

*Kates has been a member of the Junior League in three cities, Atlanta, Phoenix, and New Orleans.*

# WIDE AND WISE HUMAN SERVICE

**FOUR YEARS AS KAPPA ALPHA THETA PRESIDENT. TWO YEARS AS NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE (NPC) CHAIRMAN. 22 GRAND CONVENTIONS ATTENDED. MORE THAN 25 YEARS ON THETA'S NPC DELEGATION. MORE THAN 43 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE FRATERNITY.**

After this remarkable career of distinguished and dedicated service, not only to Kappa Alpha Theta but also to the entire Greek community,

Lissa Luton Bradford, Alpha Eta/Vanderbilt, retired at the National Panhellenic Conference meeting in Dallas the weekend of October 23.

Recognizing Bradford before the assembled delegations, presidents, executive directors, and editors of the 26 NPC-member groups, Fraternity President Amy Hayner Kates, Alpha Phi/Tulane, said, "Lissa, thank you for your loyalty, your dedication, and the unselfish gift of yourself to all of us. We know that your devotion will never be less, although your duties will be lighter. It is our hope that the inspiration of your interfraternal service and your

belief in the spirit of Panhellenism will continue to shine on college Panhellenics—and, indeed, the entire Panhellenic world—for many years to come."

During the NPC meeting, an evening dessert reception was held to honor Bradford's service and dedication. "Her legacy will be defined by her ability to apply decades of experience to current trends and her profound belief in the true promise of Fraternity membership," Kates continued.

Lissa Bradford's profound effect on the fraternity movement has been recognized on many previous occasions. She received the Order of the Star and Shield from Phi Delta Theta, only the third person to earn this highest honor to a

non-Phi Delta Theta member; the Distinguished Service award from Sigma Nu; the Order of the Diamond from Kappa Delta, which is presented to "... outstanding women who have made extraordinary contributions to the Panhellenic world"; and the Distinguished Service Award from the Fraternity Executives Association, the second woman to be honored for her work toward the betterment of all college fraternal organizations.

The Nashville Alumnae Chapter and Lissa Bradford's friends established the Melissa (Lissa) Luton Bradford/Nashville Alumnae Chapter scholarship with Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation in 1986. The scholarship benefits a woman in her senior year of undergraduate study and has been awarded to 27 women representing 24 Theta chapters.

Subsequent to her presidency, Bradford began her 25-year career as a member of Theta's delegation to the National Panhellenic Conference.

As NPC chairman, she was widely praised for her tireless efforts on behalf of alcohol-free housing. For many years, Theta has presented a Grand Convention award to college Panhellenic Associations that have demonstrated excellence in all areas of Panhellenic programming. Past winners have included the College Panhellenics at the University of Southern California, Texas A&M, and—in 2010—the University of Oklahoma. Beginning in 2012, this award will be named the Lissa Bradford Award for Panhellenic Excellence.

Bradford's passion for the value of the Greek experience springs from her own life and began when she was a college

member of the Alpha Eta Chapter at Vanderbilt, from which she graduated Phi Beta Kappa. After serving for three years as a district officer, she was elected to Grand Council for 12 years, including two terms as Fraternity president. A key accomplishment of her presidency was the relocation of Kappa Alpha Theta headquarters from rented offices in Evanston, Ill., to a custom building in Indianapolis. At the beginning of her service as NPC chairman, she told the Theta magazine, "I have a strong belief that our organizations are very worthwhile and that no other kinds of organizations can do quite what we do in providing a real feeling of caring about people. I believe with all my heart that our reason for being is very important." ♦



Lissa Luton Bradford, AH/Vanderbilt

## NPC ANNUAL MEETING

*Michelle Mouton, AK/LSU, a Theta 2nd alternate NPC delegate*

I had the opportunity to attend the National Panhellenic Conference annual meeting in Dallas, Texas. What a whirlwind weekend! This was my third time attending this meeting, and each year I become more impressed with the work NPC is doing. The frank and honest discussions had over the weekend were inspiring.

When I think about my own experience with my college Panhellenic, I realize that I didn't fully appreciate the "bigger picture" of the Panhellenic world. One of my favorite things about working with NPC today is the opportunity to see how well all of the groups work together—truly a Panhellenic sisterhood. The collaboration, idea sharing, and support is incredible. There's no competition or pettiness. We really do work together to advance women's fraternities and the sisterhood experience!

I could go on and on about how much I value the support and collaboration that NPC offers. Each time I attend this meeting, I leave feeling energized and inspired to model that same kind of Panhellenic sisterhood for the campuses I work with at the collegiate level. For me, there is no better way to demonstrate Theta's own sisterhood and widest influence for good than to be an enthusiastic worker in the Panhellenic community!

*I believe with all my heart that our reason for being is very important.*



## GO BLACK... GO GOLD... GO GREEN!

### ONE THETA'S STEP-BY STEP GUIDE TO A GREENER LIFESTYLE

BY ALICIA ALLEN HUNT, ZM/MIT

Over the past several years I've been slowly incorporating many "green" activities into my life and lifestyle, and I have now gotten to the point where my friends and peers consider me an expert on green living. The key, though, is to take on new things one at a time, doing each thing until it's no longer a "thing," but a way of life. Then, be adventurous and try something else.

It's best to start with things that really appeal to you. If you really like gardening, see if you can garden without pesticides or start composting. If there are allergies or sensitivities in your family, you may want to start by looking at what you eat and your family's skin products. My family started with something easy and ubiquitous: recycling.

#### GREEN PRACTICES INCORPORATED INTO THE HUNT HOUSEHOLD:

- Gardening (without chemicals)
- Composting
- Covering leaky windows with plastic in the winter
- Lowering the temperature on the thermostat
- Installing insulation
- Using water barrels for garden water
- Changing light bulbs to CFL
- Timing & taking shorter showers
- Driving slower to save gas
- Turning down the hot-water heater
- Purchasing a hybrid car
- Buying more organic food
- Cooking more from scratch
- Using cloth baby diapers

I found out what the recycling rules are in my city and started separating out my recycling. I learned when recycling pickups are and what you can put in the recycle bins. Our city recycles co-mingles (glass, plastic, and metal), but is more specific about the types of plastic it will accept (they will take plastic with the chasing arrow symbol including numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 7). They accept most paper and cardboard that is smaller than a certain size, and the paper has to be separate from co-mingles.

I purchased bins for our paper and co-mingles and put them in a convenient place where my family would use them. Then, we started recycling!

One thing I feel very strongly about is that if you have children, start now. Don't say it will be easier when they're older; it won't. It really is easiest to teach little children, even toddlers, new habits. The things you teach them when they are little will last a lifetime. My twins are rabid recyclers and will pick up trash off the street if allowed to, but it's quite the battle to get them to pick up their room! ♦

Above: composting, collecting rain water for gardening, taking shorter showers, and gardening without chemicals are some easy practices to implement.

Over the past decade, individual Thetas—both alumnae and collegians—as well as chapters have embraced eco-friendly living. *The Magazine* chronicled a number of their efforts in the Autumn 2009 issue, and a recent request via Twitter for information about "green" Thetas and their activities garnered a very positive response. Accordingly, *Go Black... Go Gold... Go Green!* will be a recurring feature in future issues. If you have a suggestion for a topic, please contact Laura Stelsel, associate editor, [lstelsel@kappaalpha-theta.org](mailto:lstelsel@kappaalpha-theta.org).

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**W**ith its first issue in 1885, our magazine took "... her place among the journals of the fraternity world ... trusting that with the assistance of favorable 'breezes' her kite [would] sail into the realms of journalism, doing her duty valiantly and reflecting credit upon the Greek world." Chapter letters were the heart of the first issue of Theta's journal, just as they still bring life to its pages today. Filled with excitement and hope that the new journal would bring the young fraternity closer together despite geography, these chapter letters also detailed chapter news and voiced opinions on various Fraternity programs and direction.

In the early days of Theta's magazine, detailed accounts of initiation celebrations, membership "campaigns," and intramural sports give a sense that Thetas have always led busy lives.

According to Lambda/Vermont in the first issue, "We have, in fact, been quite hilarious all the term with 'spreads,' banquets, and other festivities." You can almost hear the sigh when the writer from Rho/Nebraska noted in 1903, "I do not suppose Nebraska girls are busier than those of any other growing college, but with our school work, fraternity interests, college interests and outside duties, we find our time more than full."

Visits from other Theta chapters, usually for football games, are noted throughout the early decades. In 1903, chapter letters from both Kappa/Kansas and Rho/Nebraska report Kappa's visit to Lincoln for a football game. Even before Founders Day became a formal fraternity event, many chapters mention having "birthday parties" and other celebrations of varying formality to commemorate the anniversary of Theta's founding. In the midst of examinations that same year, Chi/Syracuse was surprised by their chaperon, who "... presented us with a huge birthday cake and we spent a pleasant hour at the table singing the songs so dear to every Theta's heart."

It is clear even from early chapter submissions that there were debates about the goals of member selection and the nature of recruitment. A 1885 letter from Epsilon/Wooster urges that congeniality need not mean conformity: "... we mean ... those who, though dissimilar, can unite in being jolly at the right time, and show a dignified and stately mein [sic] at other times, always being ready and willing to unite on the broad plain of common sense in fraternity matters." Mu/Allegheny put it this way in 1891: "We are strictly adhering to the motto, 'Qualitas non quantitas,' believing that in no other way can a truly strong Chapter be built up." In the same issue, from across the country, Omicron/USC chimed in, "There is an indefinable something about the girl who makes a good Theta which is easily recognized when possessed. Shouldn't we feel this about every girl we take in? In small colleges, this necessarily makes a scarcity in the number of members. The choice of Omicron in the matter has been to make a strong point in the material rather than numbers."

**BY JANE SHEPHERD DICK,  
EM/PRINCETON**

Compiling a magazine in the early years of Kappa Alpha Theta was a daunting task, and chapters took turns serving as "editing chapter." It is likely that no chapter writer in these early years could foresee the professionalism and meticulousness headed Theta's way when, in 1909, L. Pearle Green,

Phi/Stanford, was elected grand secretary (which included the tasks of editor, duties she kept until 1949). In the January 1921 issue, Green started the "Chapter News" section by detailing the shortcomings of the chapter editors' submissions. Lest the chapter editors not recognize their own errors in these criticisms, Green listed which chapters were guilty of each. The list did end on a high note, with the "Honor Rolls" of chapters from whom "... typed letters [were] gratefully received."

Things had not improved (from Green's perspective) a year later when she wrote, "It is certainly discouraging to spend hours compiling explicit, and we fondly thought, clear instructions for the material form of chapter letters—and then to find the very most elemental and universal rules for copy both ignored and violated in the letters that had to be edited for this issue." After pointing out that 15 chapters submitted conforming letters, she throws down the gauntlet by calling for the resignation of any chapter editor not submitting a timely and by-the-manual letter for the next issue and promising a reduction of 200 points from the offending chapters' "efficiency scores."

Green's lament takes the form of want ads in the March 1924 issue. "Wanted: Typewriters for the use of the editors of Delta, Eta, Iota, Lambda, Mu, Rho, Sigma, Upsilon, Alpha Eta, Alpha Theta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Upsilon, Alpha Phi, Beta Beta, and Beta Delta chapters. Also a double space attachment for Kappa's machine." She also wished for calendars for nine chapters, "so their editors can find dates to put on their letters," and for "a definition of news that will forever bar term examinations as original information."

Our magazine has lived on, and her pages remain most lively when detailing the activities and accomplishments of our chapters. Though they very rarely debate fraternity policy, nor are they publicly (and in print) criticized by an exacting editor, today's chapter letters continue the goal so hopefully described in the very first issue by Xi/Wesleyan University "special correspondent" Carrie M. Hill: "... that this publication will serve to bind more closely the bonds of sisterly love which unite us."<sup>9</sup>



Shown in 1894, Luella Roberts and Helen Kellogg are believed to have been Psi Chapter editors.

... our chapter letters should present graphic pictures of chapter and college life couched in the best English and altogether worthy of a place in the annals of Kappa Alpha Theta!

— H/Michigan 1903

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## Theta Antique Show

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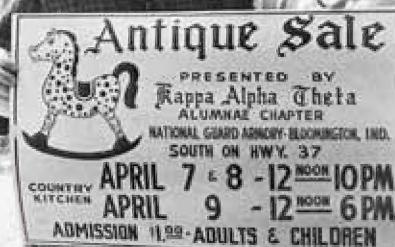
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—Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine,  
Winter 1966-67

# A GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY IN BLOOMINGTON

BY SUSAN BARKER YELEY,  
B/INDIANA

Fifty years ago this winter, the Bloomington (Ind.) Alumnae Chapter hosted its inaugural Antique Show at the local National Guard Armory to accomplish its charter mandate for a philanthropic endeavor. Although today's patrons can no longer purchase tickets for just 75 cents, as iconic Indiana University President Herman B Wells did in 1965, for just \$7 visitors will be able to peruse the wares of more than 40 antique dealers from around the country for two days. They can rest for lunch in the timeless Country Kitchen, which still sports the

original red and white gingham color scheme, and may even spot "Trigger," the antique hobby horse that a dealer gave to the Alumnae Chapter back in 1961 and which remains the show's symbol and trademark to this day.

In recent years, the Theta Antique Show has generated \$10,000 to \$15,000 each year for CASA, Theta Foundation, Beta Chapter scholarships, and many local charities benefiting women and children. All Thetas and guests are cordially invited to this anniversary show on February 26 and 27, 2011, at the Bloomington Convention Center. Come for fun and to support the good work the Bloomington Alumnae have been doing on behalf of Kappa Alpha Theta for fifty years. ♦

Clockwise from top left: the planning committee for the 25th antiques show, co-chairmen of the 1967 show in a *Bloomington Tribune* photograph, a 1980 promotional postcard.

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### "DID WE MAKE HISTORY, OR DID HISTORY MAKE US?"

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Additionally, a long-time friend and Theta sister from the Tau Chapter offered her own thoughts on the book. Singer and actor Ann-Margret wrote the foreword for *The Girls From Winnetka*.

"Ann-Margret was two classes behind the girls at New Trier High School in Winnetka, and she followed some of us to Northwestern," Chellis explained. "She was just the sweetest and nicest young woman. But the minute you put a microphone in her hand, it was just amazing ... she is such a remarkable performer."

"It's wonderful how she still includes us in her life—always welcoming us backstage."

### AND THE REST IS HISTORY

As the book continues to gain readers, Chellis loves the opportunity to share the history of the lives of the girls and how growing up when she did is the same but also different for young women today.

"The girls' heartfelt stories show how our generation had created a stage for the next generation to have more choices, and we are proud of that. The strong bond of friendship, now beyond 50 years, offers a rich history, and it's a history we wanted to share." ♦



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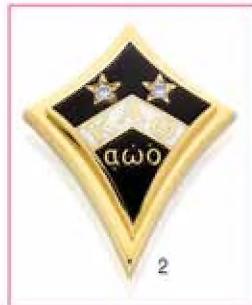
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